

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, September 26, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos
Vice President Lesser
Treasurer Duba
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of audience followed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Davalos reported that she attended the following:

- an Inner City Struggle meeting on education
- a key club fundraiser for at risk girls
- a Museum of Latin American Art event on art education in Long Beach
- an event on Native American art of the Northwest Coast
- a reenactment of the founding of the settlers of Los Angeles
- a conference on changes in the Southern California environment
- a United Hope event on domestic violence prevention

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Duba reported on the expenditures for the month of August, 2005. The beginning balance for August was \$23,735.71; expenditures were \$630.36; there was no income; and the ending balance was \$23,105.35. The monthly spending allowance for September, 2005 is \$2,310.54.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- The Executive Office will host a Brown Act Workshop on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 374A.
- The Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women is hosting a celebration to announce the launch of their 2005-06 Survival Guide for Individuals, Families and Organizations. It will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Center Auditorium in Pasadena.

- Supervisor Burke is presenting a scroll to the Jenesse Center in recognition of its 25th Anniversary at tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting.

(Commissioner Freeman joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m., constituting a quorum.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Vice President Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Duba, and duly carried, with Commissioner Creary abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of August 22, 2005 with the following correction of Public Comments indicated in ***bold italics***: Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission ***spoke on the King/Drew Medical Center***.

The Commission agreed to place on the next agenda a discussion on how it reports public comments in the minutes.

CONSIDER \$500 DONATION TO MID WILSHIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE AWARDS

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a \$500 donation to the Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative Awards on October 20, 2005 at Plummer Park in West Hollywood.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TICKETS TO SILVER ROSE AWARDS

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets to the Jenesse Center's Annual Silver Rose Awards on October 9, 2005. Commissioners Creary and Jernigan expressed interest in attending.

APPROVE DONATION TO HURRICANE VICTIMS

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a donation of \$1000 to the Dream Center to be used for hurricane relief for women and children.

(Commissioner Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.)

Vice President Lesser suggested the Finance Committee look at addressing these types of donations in the Commission Trust Fund Criteria.

President Davalos and other commissioners welcomed new First District commissioner Michelle Pinedo, who explained her background, education and career experience.

APPROVE CHANGE TO THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE CHART

On motion of Vice President Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and duly carried, with Commissioner Pinedo abstaining, the Commission approved the addition of Commissioner ZeBrack to the Older Women's Committee.

DHR PRESENTATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

Helen Miller, Department of Human Resources, spoke on the implementation of the Los Angeles County Employee Domestic Violence Assistance Program. DHR provides domestic violence awareness training for county department supervisors and managers and widely distributes the pamphlet *It Shouldn't Hurt to Go Home*. She also provided copies of the County's policy on the Domestic Violence Assistance Program and the County's threat management policy. Ms. Miller agreed to email information on domestic violence training of county departments to commission staff.

President Davalos thanked Ms. Miller for her informative presentation.

PRESENTATION ON THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Jo Ann Osby, Executive Director of the Los Angeles area branch, provided an overview of the ABWA, a non-profit association founded in 1949 to promote advocacy and training for working women in business. The organization provides networking, mentoring, education, scholarships and other resources for women of all ages. The ABWA has local branches in Southern California and throughout the nation. For additional information access their web site www.abwa.org.

President Davalos thanked Ms. Osby for her informative presentation.

APPROVE ACCW TRAVEL EXPENSES

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved travel expenses up to \$500 for the Commission delegate to attend the ACCW Quarterly Meeting on November 4, 2005 in San Mateo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee: Commissioner Creary presented the minutes of the August 8, 2005 committee meeting and announced the next Health Committee meeting on November 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830. She also reported that she attended a meeting with Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally on September 14th at Marino's Restaurant in Los Angeles. His office is scheduling hearings on the topics of autism, obesity with Hispanics and Asians, and evidence-based medicine.

Vice President Lesser reported on a summit planning session of the Office of Women's Health on September 20, 2005 in Los Angeles. She also provided copies of the OWH's Women's Health Policy Council minutes of July 20, 2005.

Domestic Violence Subcommittee: Commissioner Rodriguez announced the next subcommittee meeting on November 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830.

Education Subcommittee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones requested that a presentation on the County report *Paving the Way for Physically Fit Children* be placed on a future Commission agenda. She also spoke on the Governor's summit on children's physical fitness and spoke on the subcommittee's plans for the scholarship orientation program in January, 2006.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan announced that the Governor signed AB 22 into law and she mentioned that television programs on human trafficking would be featured on *Lifetime*. She also announced her participation in a rally against the gas price hikes with Congressman Brad Sherman and Congresswoman Maxine Waters. She went on to speak on the Family Medical Leave Act and requested staff to provide commissioners the final copy of SB 840.

Older Women's Issues Committee: There was no report.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will meet today following the regular meeting.

5k Run/Walk Subcommittee: Treasurer Duba reported on exhibitors, sales, sponsorship and overall participation in the 7th Annual 5k Run/Walk on September 24, 2005 at the Rose Bowl. She thanked Commissioners, staff, sponsors and others who contributed to the event. Furthermore, she announced the subcommittee would have a wrap-up meeting on November 14, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830.

Ad-hoc Retreat Subcommittee: President Davalos reported that she and Commissioner Gravely would meet to develop an agenda for the Retreat, which will take place on October 24, 2005 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The Commission meeting of October 10, 2005 is cancelled due to a county holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following commissioners agreed to serve on the 2006 Awards Luncheon Subcommittee:

Commissioner Pinedo	First District
Commissioner Jernigan	Second District
Commissioner Lesser	Fourth District
Commissioner Gravely	Fifth District

President Davalos will request Commissioner ZeBrack of the Third District to serve on the subcommittee.

Commissioner Rodriguez participated in the following:

- The KCET Local Hero Awards on September 14, 2005.
- A CalWORKS DCFS & DPSS meeting on September 19, 2005 at Edmund Edelman's Children's Court.
- The Health Issues Committee at the Chicana Service Action Center, Inc. on September 22, 2005
- The Center for the Pacific Asian Family's domestic violence event on September 22, 2005 at the Gilmore House at Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Jernigan spoke on the Jenesse Center's Silver Rose Awards and noted that raffle tickets are available with a Mercedes Benz automobile as a prize. She went on to explain the center's community services. She thanked Deputy Executive Officer Nguyen for assisting her in the hurricane relief effort at the Dream Center, mentioning that her car was hit in a hit and run accident when they returned to the County Hall of Administration.

Vice President Lesser reported on her participation in the following:

- The American Heart Association Meeting of Friends and Family to plan for the Heart Walk on August 31, 2005.
- The American Heart Walk on September 18, 2005 at the Home Depot Center.
- The Medical Reserve Corps Meeting to review the response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster by the Federal Medical Reserve Corps on September 21, 2005.
- Set up for the 7th Annual 5k on September 23 – 24, 2005.
- American Red Cross training to volunteer in the hurricane assistance effort can be arranged by calling (800) 627-7000.

President Davalos requested Commissioners to turn in 5k raffle ticket donations.

Commissioner Freeman announced she attended a presentation on Constitution Day by Louise Leigh on September 27, 2005 then read the Preamble to the United States Constitution.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones announced a meeting with a representative from L.A. Care this afternoon.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:

Commissioners Gravely and Pinedo expressed interest in attending the YWCA Women for Racial Justice Breakfast on October 17, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Davalos adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Karin Davalos, President
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President
Reiko Duba, Treasurer
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
Wadie Gravely
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Peggy J. Freeman
Ruth Jernigan
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Bonnie Lewis
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Barbara Perkins
Elise ZeBrack

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Mercedes Calzadillas, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson, Gabe Alexander
Helen Miller, Department of Human Resources

GUESTS

Debi Biederman
Dr. Genevieve Clavreul
Rone Ellis
Jo Ann Osby
Lucero Reyes